

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as set forth below:

1-20. (cancelled)

21. (previously presented) A method comprising:

receiving call data at a local network from a foreign telecommunications network, wherein the call data is from a source file having multiple source fields created in the foreign telecommunications network, and wherein the call data is for a call made by a user who is registered with the local telecommunications network but who made the call using the foreign telecommunications network;

validating the received call data by confirming that each source field in the received call data complies with a first user-defined format; and

in response to validating the received call data, selectively converting the received call data into a target file having multiple target fields using a second user-defined format that is specific for the local telecommunications network, wherein each target field conforms to the second user-defined format.

22-40. (cancelled)

41. (new) A method comprising:

receiving, by a local network administrator that supports a local cellular telephone network to which a local subscriber is registered, a serialized data stream from a foreign network administrator, wherein the serialized data stream describes a cellular telephone call made by the local subscriber while the local subscriber was roaming in the foreign network system, and wherein the serialized data stream includes a plurality of attributes defined in a non-industry-standard format negotiated between the foreign network administrator and the local network administrator;

attaching, by the local network administrator, one or more validation rules and one or more population rules to each of the attributes;

validating each attribute in the serialized data stream as comporting with all of the validation and population rules; and

in response to all attributes in the serialized data stream being validated, converting the serialized data stream into a local format for storage by the local network administrator.

42. (new) The method of claim 41, wherein the attributes include "Field Type," "Length in Bytes," "Description," and "Buffer Position" for each data item in the serialized data stream.

43. (new) The method of claim 42, wherein the "Description" includes the local subscriber's name and account number, and wherein the "Buffer Position" describes a buffer position between each attribute when stored by the local network administrator.

44. (new) A machine-readable medium having a plurality of instructions processable by a machine embodied therein, wherein said plurality of instructions, when processed by said machine causes said machine to perform a method comprising:

receiving, by a local network administrator that supports a local cellular telephone network to which a local subscriber is registered, a serialized data stream from a foreign network administrator, wherein the serialized data stream describes a cellular telephone call made by the local subscriber while the local subscriber was roaming in the foreign network system, and wherein the serialized data stream includes a plurality of attributes defined in a non-industry-standard format negotiated between the foreign network administrator and the local network administrator;

attaching, by the local network administrator, one or more validation rules and one or more population rules to each of the attributes;

validating each attribute in the serialized data stream as comporting with all of the validation and population rules; and

in response to all attributes in the serialized data stream being validated, converting the serialized data stream into a local format for storage by the local network administrator.

45. (new) The machine-readable medium of claim 44, wherein the attributes include "Field Type," "Length in Bytes," "Description," and "Buffer Position" for each data item in the serialized data stream.

46. (new) The machine-readable medium of claim 45, wherein the "Description" includes the local subscriber's name and account number, and wherein the "Buffer Position" describes a buffer position between each attribute when stored by the local network administrator.